

Regency Squares Community Treasurer's Report 2025/6



Firstly, a huge thank you goes out to all of **you, our members**, for your continued support and generous donations.

The second thanks is to **Sarah Willingham and the fabulous team at the i360** for generously maintaining our annual tradition of hosting the RSC Christmas Tree Light Up event for free. This time, including a free drink. We extended the event to an after party at Drift where several members stayed for or a meal.

In an attempt to recruit new members Fran distributed flyers through 2-300 front doors in our area, offering free membership* for one year, in time to join us at the i360. Obviously, this was very popular, we actually had a waiting list! With only 4 committee members we were not able to take advantage of our new SumUp machine on which we were hoping to garner donations. We have the SumUp machine with us this evening. All donations welcome.

Again, our main expense this year has been on the Christmas tree. The lights were generously provided by the i360 plus their skilful team who also erected and secured the tree. Sadly the lights were vandalised within the first week and were off for the rest of the festive season. We need to rethink Christmas. Any ideas on what we can do for Christmas 2026 would be greatly appreciated. Please talk to us or email xmas26@regencybrighton.com.

Our third thanks is to **Suzanne Hinton** who continues her invaluable work of giving inspiring talks on the Regency Square bicentenary book she co wrote with the late Gill Wales. These talks encourage people to buy the book the proceeds of which Suzanne donates back to Regency Squares Community funds. We are exceptionally grateful for this time Suzanne gives to promote and manage these book sales and promote our area.

Our bank, Santander, started charging us £4.99 per month for the pleasure of having an account with them. We moved the bulk of our balance to a savings account, the interest from which, fortunately covers this cost but it would be nicer to keep the money for our own use. We investigated changing to an alternative bank but to no avail. We are keen to move to a bank without charges.

We are delighted to announce the hospitality offered to us when we visited one of the newer hotels in our area, Maldron Brighton, who welcomed us with open arms. Therefore, our fourth thanks goes to **Maldron Hotel, Brighton City Centre**.

Finally

*Membership fees - we will have a vote at the AGM

Currently we charge membership at

£5.00 per person and £15.00 per business

We propose to follow the examples of neighbouring community groups, Friends of Brunswick and Friends of Palmeira & Adelaide who register new members for free and ask for donations. A reminder would be sent twice yearly before the AGM and Xmas. Please come prepared to vote on this motion. Votes by email accepted - fees@regencybrighton.com

The main reason for this is it an easier way to recruit more members and this is what the latest version of the Regency Squares Community, chaired by Sue Dawes and Fran Coates is all about, building a community. It has been suggested that some people will donate generously whilst some may not be able to at all.

We look forward to welcoming you to Maldron Hotel, Brighton and to welcoming and voting in all of our new committee members (see Sue's Annual Report for more details).

Treasurers report, Fran Coates